

**Senate File 184 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to jurisdictional changes to small claims court  
2 cases.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 631.1, subsections 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8,  
2 Code 2015, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. The following actions or claims are small claims and  
4 shall be commenced, heard and determined as provided in this  
5 chapter:

6 a. A civil action for a money judgment where the amount in  
7 controversy is ~~four~~ five thousand dollars or less for actions  
8 commenced before July 1, ~~2002~~ 2015, exclusive of interest and  
9 costs.

10 b. A civil action for a money judgment where the amount in  
11 controversy is ~~five~~ ten thousand dollars or less for actions  
12 commenced on or after July 1, ~~2002~~ 2015, exclusive of interest  
13 and costs.

14 3. The district court sitting in small claims has concurrent  
15 jurisdiction of an action of replevin if the value of the  
16 property claimed is ~~four~~ five thousand dollars or less for  
17 actions commenced before July 1, ~~2002~~ 2015, and ~~five~~ ten  
18 thousand dollars or less for actions commenced on or after July  
19 1, ~~2002~~ 2015. When commenced under this chapter, the action is  
20 a small claim for the purposes of this chapter.

21 4. The district court sitting in small claims has concurrent  
22 jurisdiction of motions and orders relating to executions  
23 against personal property, including garnishments, where the  
24 value of the property or garnisheed money involved is ~~four~~ five  
25 thousand dollars or less for actions commenced before July 1,  
26 ~~2002~~ 2015, and ~~five~~ ten thousand dollars or less for actions  
27 commenced on or after July 1, ~~2002~~ 2015.

28 5. The district court sitting in small claims has concurrent  
29 jurisdiction of an action for abandonment of a manufactured or  
30 mobile home or personal property pursuant to section 555B.3, if  
31 no money judgment in excess of ~~four~~ five thousand dollars is  
32 sought for actions commenced before July 1, ~~2002~~ 2015, and ~~five~~  
33 ten thousand dollars or less for actions commenced on or after  
34 July 1, ~~2002~~ 2015. If commenced under this chapter, the action  
35 is a small claim for the purposes of this chapter.

